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Title: PROTOCOL FOR INSURING EXACTLY ONCE SEMANTICS OF TRANSACTIONS ACROSS  
AN UNORDERED, UNRELIABLE NETWORK

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TOTAL CLAIMS	24	MINUS	24	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	4	MINUS	4	= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2004 (Paper No. 2)  
(hereinafter "Current Action"), the Applicants respectfully ask the examiner to reconsider the  
above identified U.S. patent application in light of the following:

**No Amendments are Being Made to the Claims**, but a listing of claims  
begins on page 3 of this paper, for the convenience of the Examiner.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.